

Amendment to the Specification:

Please delete paragraph [0012] of the specification and substitute therefor the replacement paragraph [0012] set forth below.

--[0012]        According to another exemplary embodiment, the adaptation tube is constructed of a material, whose outer wall is plated with silver. This exemplary embodiment is more cost efficient ~~that~~ than the previously mentioned. For example, a cobalt-chromium-molybdenum alloy could find use as a base material. –

Please delete paragraph [0024] of the specification and substitute therefor the replacement paragraph [0024] set forth below.

--        [0024] The adaptation tube 7 reaches into the inside of the bush 5. The adaptation tube sits in the inside of the bush 65 in an interference fit and is removable, so that it can be removed for a necessary exchange and can be replaced by a new adaptation tube. The extracorporeal coupling device 4 can be set into the adaptation tube 7. In the existing figure, the dimensions were so chosen, that, at the extracorporeal coupling device 4 (when coupled on), the distal front edge 9 of the adaptation tube 7 is situated on the shoulder 10, which shoulder is formed on the coupling device 4, when the coupling device 4 is coupled to the spacer 3. By this means, a closed form is achieved, which prevents a contamination of the inside of the adaptation tube 7. --